

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 26, 2003

IN RE:

**APPLICATION OF NASHVILLE GAS COMPANY, A
DIVISION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY,
INC. FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF ITS RATES AND
CHARGES, FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED TARIFFS AND
APPROVAL OF REVISED SERVICE REGULATIONS**

**DOCKET NO.
03-00313**

**ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE PROCEEDING, GRANTING
INTERVENTION AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

This matter came before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director Pat Miller and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on June 2, 2003 for consideration of the *Application of Nashville Gas Company, a Division of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. for an Adjustment of its Rates and Charges, for Approval of Revised Tariffs and Approval of Revised Service Regulations* filed on April 29, 2003. On May 14, 2003, the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate") filed a *Petition to Intervene ("Petition")* in this matter.

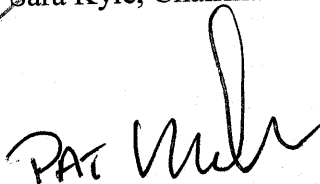
During the June 2, 2003 Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding in this matter, grant intervention to the Consumer Advocate and appoint Director Pat Miller to act as the Hearing Officer in this proceeding to hear preliminary matters prior to the Hearing, to rule on any petition(s) for intervention, and to set a procedural schedule to completion.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

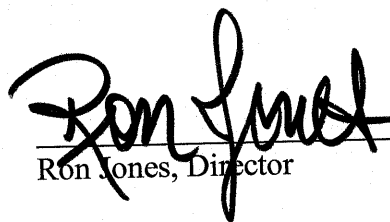
1. A contested case proceeding is convened.
2. The Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General is granted leave to intervene and receive copies of any notices, orders or other documents in this matter.
3. Director Pat Miller is appointed Hearing Officer in this matter to hear preliminary matters prior to the Hearing, to rule on any petition(s) for intervention, and to set a procedural schedule to completion.



Sara Kyle, Chairman



Pat Miller, Director



Ron Jones, Director